

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH #**

**Project Title:** Mesa Wind Repower Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Contact Person: Magdalena Rodriguez  
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City: Ontario Zip: 91764 County: Riverside

**Project Location:** County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Whitewater and Bonnie Bell communities  
Cross Streets: Unnamed access road, eastern extension of (Rockview Drive) Zip Code: 92258

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 56 ' 50.3 " N / 116 ° 39 ' 58.1 " W Total Acres: 98 acres of 401-acre site  
Assessor's Parcel No.: 516-02-004; 517030003, -09; 514250007, -10, -13, -16 Section: 4, 33 Twp.: 2S, 3S Range: 3E Base: San Bernardino  
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 10; State Route 62 Waterways: Whitewater River (~0.5 miles east)  
Airports: None Railways: UPRR (~1.9 miles south) Schools: None

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: \_\_\_\_\_  FONSI \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Incidental Take Permit

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Power: Type Wind MW 30 MW  
 Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Riverside County: Open Space Rural and Open Space Recreation; Area of Critical Environmental Concern

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project would include construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of eight new WTGs. In addition, a new free-standing permanent met tower, electrical collections system upgrades, and permanent access roads would be constructed, and remain for the life of the project. The new facilities would be decommissioned at the end of their estimated 30-year useful life (2053). The total overall potential ground disturbance would be 98.0 acres. The 98.0 acres include 18.2 acres of permanent and 79.8 acres of temporary disturbance.

Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in mid-2021 and would be completed in approximately 16 months. During construction, access roads would be temporarily widened to accommodate construction equipment, and temporary workspaces and staging areas would be established. Upon completion of construction, temporary disturbance areas would be restored.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has prepared the proposed MND under CEQA in response to Mesa Corp's submittal of an application for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The ITP, if issued, would authorize project-related incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise subject to certain conditions under CESA. Mesa Wind also submitted an application to CDFW for a Lake and Streambed Agreement. The Agreement, if issued by CDFW subject to certain conditions, would remain in effect for 5 years.

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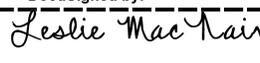
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 26, 2021 Ending Date April 25, 2021

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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